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THE *Seventeenth Annual Report of the State Board of Forestry and of the State Park Committee*, by Richard Lieber, State Forester, and Charles C. Deam, his assistant, is reprinted from the *Year Book*. The forest lands of the State are estimated at 3,000,000 acres. The State Park committee is a result of the late centennial celebration and seems to be the only thing of lasting importance resulting from that agitation. Two parks have been laid out and are now owned by the State, one known as McCormick's Creek Canyon in Owen county, the other as Turkey Run, in Parke county. The former cost \$5,253, the latter \$41,075.

THE *Illinois Catholic Historical Review*, published by the Illinois Catholic Historical Society, made its initial appearance in July. The first number is a neat booklet of 144 pages. Every article in it is of historical interest to Indiana readers, but especially is the one on Pierre Gibault by Joseph J. Thompson, editor of the magazine. Indiana also claims Gibault as one of its pioneer heroes. "Early Catholicity in Chicago," by Gilbert J. Garragas, and "The Illinois Missions," by Joseph J. Thompson, are other articles that bear closely on early Indiana history.

THE June *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* continues the Diary of Bishop Flaget. During the period covered in this issue the Bishop was at Bardstown, Kentucky.

VOLUME I, *Publications of the North Carolina Historical Commission* is devoted entirely to the papers of Thomas Ruffin. The papers of Judge Ruffin cover the period from 1803 to 1830. A memorial oration by William Graham, a chronology of his life and a calendar of the letters precede the papers in the volume.

*Journal of Thomas Dean. Indiana Historical Society Publications*, Vol. 6, No. 2. Edited by JOHN CANDEE DEAN, annotated by RANDLE C. DEAN. Indianapolis, 1918. Price, 50 cents.

This journey, of which this journal is the record, was made from Deansboro, N. Y., to central Indiana during the summer of 1817. The party, consisting of Dean and some Brothertown Indians, left home May 31 and passed down Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, French Creek, Allegheny river, Ohio river, up the Wabash, across the central part of Indiana via Fort Wayne to Detroit. Mr. Dean was in search of a western home for the Brothertown Indians, who finally settled on Fox river, Wisconsin. The trip was made in a large keel boat or schooner of 6 tons burden. The party made from 50 to 70 miles per day on the western trip, going from Pittsburg to Cincinnati in 6 days; from Cincinnati to Louisville in 2 days; from Louisville to the mouth of the Wabash in 10 days; or the entire distance of 1,003 miles in 15 days. Traveling up the Wabash was found much more difficult on account of the rapids and shallow water.

The comments made by Dean on the general condition of the western country and especially on such places as New Harmony, Vincennes and the Shaker settlement on the Busseron prairie are interesting and valuable. The journal is plain though a little more editorial explanation here and there would have helped the ordinary reader. It is one of the most valuable papers published by the Society. If the editors have any more such material in their possession they should by all means make it available in some such way as they have this.

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*The Public Life of Zachariah Chandler, 1851-1875.* By WILMER C. HARRIS, Ph.D. (*Michigan Historical Publications, University Series, II.*) (Lansing, Historical Commission, 1917, pp. 152, \$1.00.)

This is a plain account of the public career of Zach. Chandler, the noted Republican political leader of Michigan, from his election as mayor of Detroit in 1851 to his sudden death while a senator of the United States in 1879. These years marked stirring times, during which Chandler was engaged in much party activity and in many political controversies. Dr. Harris in his brief monographic sketch is able to touch only lightly on varied subjects of much historical importance. The mono-